# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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LIST OF ITEM UNDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of the items in the list of quantitative restrictions Restricted List and Canalised list, separately at present;

(b) the details of chances effected in the above said lists during 2001-02; and

(c) the economic structure of the country when there would not be any item under Quantitative restrictions lists?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a) The names of the items presently in the restricted list are available in the ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import items. Copies of the ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import items are available in the Parliament Library. The names of the items presently under the State Trading regime are also available therein.

(b) Quantitative restrictions on imports being maintained on account of balance of payment reasons were removed by 31.3.2001. Import restrictions on 715 such tariff lines were removed on 31.3.2001. The list of these 715 tariff lines as well as the 714 tariff lines (at 8 digit level) on which such restrictions were removed on 31.3.2000 is available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Import restrictions are being removed as part of economic liberalization programme of the Government and also in terms of our international obligations. The removal of restrictions has not altered the overall rate of growth of imports of the country. The import growth rate during the year 2000-2001 was only 7.27% in rupee terms and 0.27% in US dollar terms. The growth rate of imports during the first nine months of financial year 2001-2002 was only 0.31% in Dollar terms and 4.55% in Rs. terms, compared to the same period for the previous year. The import data for 714 items, QRs on which were removed on 31.03.2000, for the year 2000-2001, indicates a growth in import of these items by less than 6%. Similarly, the import of 300 sensitive items, which is being monitored by a Standing Group of Secretaries, has also not indicated any surge in imports in the first nine months of financial year 2001-2002. The overall picture that emerges is thus one of normal trading activity in response to demand and supply factors.